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SUBJECT ASYLUM REQUEST: IGNACIO JESUS CIALCETA

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1. IGNACIO JESUS CIALCETA CAME TO EMBASSY MID DAY MARCH 7 ASKING TO BE GIVEN REFUGE FROM SECURITY OFFICIALS HE SAID WERE PURSUING HIM, AND ASKING THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE HIM WITH PROTECTION AGAINST FUTURE THREATS AGAINST HIM.

2. CIALCETA, WHO WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 13, 1919, IS A RETIRED LT COL OF THE ARMY WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN DISFAVOR SINCE SHORTLY AFTER CURRENT RULING JUNTA TOOK OVER IN MARCH 1976. CIALCETA CLAIMED TO BE A SECOND COUSIN OF FORMER PRESIDENT PERON-- AN ASSERTION BORNE OUT BY EMBASSY BIOGRAPHIC FILES.

3. BRIEFLY, CIALCETA CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN SERVING IN ROSARIO AT THE TIME OF THE 1976 COUP WITH THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE). HE CLAIMS TO HAVE DISMISSED AND MARKED FOR HARASSMENT OR WORSE WHEN HE COMPLAINED THAT SECURITY OFFICIALS WERE ABUSING THEIR INVESTIGATIVE POWERS AND, FAILING TO FIND

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SUBVERSIVES, SETTLED FOR RICH PEOPLE WHO COULD BE THREATENED IN RETURN FOR PAYMENTS. CIALCETA CLAIMED HIS DAUGHTER HAD BEEN MURDERED AS BOTH THREAT AND PUNISHMENT TO HIMSELF.

4. CIALCETA FIRST WAS RECEIVED BY ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE AND LATER TALKED FOR ONE HOUR WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW CIALCETA DESCRIBED A LIFETIME OF PERSECUTION AT ONE HAND OR ANOTHER, AND RECOUNTED AT GREAT LENGTH HOW AS A CHILD HIS DAUGHTER HAD BEEN "STOLEN" BY CIALCETAS FORMER WIFE. THOUGH WE COULD NOT DISMISS THE SERIOUSNESS OF LT COL CIALCETA FEARS, HE DEMONSTRATED SUFFICIENT MENTAL IMBALANCE FOR US TO QUESTION THE IMMEDIACY OF HIS DANGER.

5. LT COL CIALCETA AT LAST LEFT THE EMBASSY AT HIS OWN DECISION LATE DURING THE AFTERNOON.

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